

House Resolution 1458

By: Representatives Randall of the 138th, Hugley of the 133rd, Heard of the 114th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 93rd, Epps of the 128th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is an international, historically black Greek-lettered
3 sorority and a member of the National Pan Hellenic Council; and

4 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta was founded on January 16, 1920, at Howard University in
5 Washington, D.C., and was first incorporated on March 30, 1923, by sorority members
6 Myrtle Tyler, Gladys Warrington, Joanna Houston, Josephine Johnson, and O. Goldia Smith;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the sorority is organized into over 800 chapters in eight intercontinental regions
9 including North America, Africa, Europe, and Asia; and

10 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has several outstanding auxiliary organizations, including
11 Amicae, Archonettes, Amicettes, Pearlettes, and the Zeta Male Network; and

12 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta has partnered with the March of Dimes since 1971 with the
13 Stork's Nest Program, which encourages low-income pregnant women to participate in
14 healthy behaviors during pregnancy through incentive and educational programs in order to
15 decrease the incidences of birth defects and lower the infant mortality rate; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1975, the sorority established the National Educational Foundation of Zeta
17 Phi Beta Sorority, a trust which awards scholarship grants, conducts community educational
18 programs and activities, and engages in scholarship related research; and

19 WHEREAS, from its inception, the sorority's national service programs have evolved to meet
20 the critical societal needs of the time; and

21 WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta continues a rich tradition of service and fellowship and the
22 outstanding accomplishments of this fine organization are worthy of recognition.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for their service
25 to the community and the country.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.